

Judge J. C. Smith Has Eleven Cases In County's Court

New Motor Vehicle Laws Now In Effect Call For Larger Fines

Calling eleven cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session only a short time last Monday morning. There were only a few spectators present and most of the defendants pleaded guilty, relieving Solicitor Paul D. Roberson greatly.

The session was the last one in which the old motor vehicle laws applied to traffic violations except in those cases where the alleged offense was committed before July 1. Larger fines and longer road sentences are now in order when traffic law violators are convicted.

Although the docket carried a fairly large number of cases, fines and forfeitures amounted to only \$115.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Willie Lilley was adjudged guilty and drew a nine-month sentence on the roads. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of the trial costs and on the further condition that he pay \$6 a week for seven months for the benefit of Elsie Bland Lilley. The defendant is to reappear on the second Monday in February, 1948, for further judgment.

The case charging Elisha Purvis with non-support was continued until next Monday.

George Shaw, pleading guilty of abandonment and non-support, was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The road term was suspended by Judge Smith upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that the defendant pay \$7.50 a week for a period of two years for the benefit of his children. Payments are to be made to the clerk of court for Katherine Shaw.

The case charging Clarence Pate with forcible trespass was continued until July 28. Cutting his hand severely when he drove his fist through a glass door in a Williamston filling station the early part of last week, Pate was reported by telegram to be a patient in an Army hospital.

Charged with aiding and abetting forcible trespass, James Hardison pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

David Rix Harrell, Jr., charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, failed to appear and papers were issued for his arrest. The young man was reported to have left for a stay in Florida.

Pleading guilty of reckless driving, Octavius Manning, colored, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for thirty days.

Walter Biggs, charged with reckless and careless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and required to pay the trial costs. In the case charging Eddie Price with non-support it appeared to the court that the defendant and his wife are now living together, and prayer for judgment was ordered and the case continued.

Charged with speeding and pleading guilty, C. G. Crockett, Jr., and C. G. Woolard were each fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

Open Junior Camp At Camp Leach Monday

A Junior Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15 years will open at Camp Leach on the Pamlico next Monday, it was announced this week by Rev. John W. Hardy, local minister who is directing the camp for the Episcopal Church in eastern Carolina.

The camp will be staffed by the following persons from Williamston, Misses Marjorie Gray Dunn, Betsy Manning, and Clara Bond, Mrs. John Hardy, Bernard Hurley, E. S. Peel, Jr., Hugh Horton, Jr., and Bobby Goff. Local campers who plan to attend are, Thomas Sfetos, Jimmie Page, Bill Bob Peel and Lee Handy.

Adjutant General Offering Town National Guard Unit

Tentatively offered a lettered battery of field artillery by the Adjutant General of North Carolina, local town officials are studying the possibility of organizing here a unit of the National Guard, Mayor Robert Cowen announced this week following the receipt of correspondence from the Adjutant General's Department in Raleigh.

Details for the organization of the unit are to be given more attention only if sufficient interest in the project is shown locally, it was pointed out.

The over-all strength of such a unit would be five officers, one captain, two first lieutenants and two second lieutenants, and 77 enlisted men, but a unit may be organized with a minimum strength of two officers and 30 enlisted men, the remainder of the personnel to be built up over a period of time.

FIRST MONDAY

Present indications point to a quiet and uneventful meeting for the Martin County commissioners when they meet in regular session here next Monday morning. The current fiscal year budget is scheduled for formal adoption, but other than that and routine matters, no business is scheduled for consideration by the board at that time.

No meeting of the county board of education has been scheduled for next Monday, but one will be held later in the month, it was learned.

Lighting Contract Here Liberalized

A supplemental contract, offering more illumination at no additional cost and eliminating installation charges, has been entered into by the local town commissioners and the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

In accordance with the terms of the original street lighting contract, Williamston received 100 street lights free. At the time the allotment was greater than the need, but the growth of the town called for and continues to call for more lights. After the 100 allotment was exhausted, a charge for installation was made and the lights were energized and maintained for a yearly cost of \$30. The cost of energizing and maintaining the lights in excess of the 100 unit allotment is now \$16.50 per year per unit, and the illumination is being increased from 1,000 to 2,500 lumens.

County Minister Has Eye Removed Wednesday

Elder B. S. Cowin, widely known Primitive Baptist minister of this county, had his left eye removed in a Greenville hospital Wednesday. He had been receiving treatment for several years, and when the ailment did not respond, doctors advised the removal of the eye. Last reports stated he was getting along only fair, that he was not resting very well.

SPEAKS . . . THE RECORD

Motorists on Martin County highways while building a record this year that can hardly command approval, have done far better up until now than they did last year. But the July holidays are still ahead and extra precaution should be exercised. There were four wrecks and five persons were injured over July 4, a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

26th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1947	2	0	\$ 200
Comparisons To Date	1947	59	29	\$ 12,900
	1946	69	60	18,070

Arrested Alleged Robber This Week In New York City

Harold Clark wanted here for robbing the Blue Star Cleaners

Wanted here in connection with the robbery of the Blue Star Cleaners on Washington Street last April 5, Harold Clark, young white man, was arrested in New York Monday, the sheriff's office was notified this week.

Meat Markets In County Have High Sanitary Ratings

Nine Eating Places Hold A Rating, Sanitarian Gaylord Reports

Completing a regular inspection of meat markets, cafes and lunch counters, Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord pointed out in his report that the meat markets in the county maintained unusually high sanitary ratings for the period, that nine of the 36 graded A, that none fell into the C grade. Of the 28 cafes and lunch counters, nine graded 90 or better and only three were listed in the C grade.

Peel's market, Williamston, topped the list for markets with a 94-point rating, and the Wilson Hotel Dining Room, Robersonville, led the cafes with a rating of 96 points.

The ratings, announced by Sanitarian Gaylord, follow:

Markets:

Peele, Williamston, 94; McClees, Williamston, 93.5; Colonial Frozen Foods, Williamston, 93; Hardison, Jamesville, 93; Colonial, Williamston, 92.5; Everett & Warren, Robersonville, 91.5; Hardy, Williamston, 91.5; Page, Robersonville, 91, and Ward, Williamston, 91.5.

Grade B—Williams, Robersonville, 89.5; B & B, Hamilton, 88.5; Sexton, Jamesville, 88.5; Ayers, Oak City, 87.5; Brown Bros., Jamesville, 87.5; Cherry, Everetts, 87.5; Slade Rhodes & Co., Hamilton, 87.5; Brown, Williamston, 87; Johnson, Hamilton, 85.5; Moore, Williamston, 85.5; Sunny Side, Williamston, 85.5; Hardy, Everetts, 84.5; Lilly, Williamston, 83.5; Robertson, Williamston, 83.5; Red Front, Williamston, 83.5; Shaw, Williamston, 83.5; Smith, Williamston 83.5; Gold Point, Gold Point, 83; Tiny, Williamston, 83; Jones Community, Williamston, 82.5; Ben's, Williamston, 81.5; Bryan's, Robersonville, 81.5; Bunting, Oak City, 81.5; Daniel, Oak City, 81.5; Edmondson and Cherry, Hamilton, 81.5; Eason and Brily, Robersonville, 80.5; Rogers, Williamston 80.5.

Cafes

Grade A—Wilson Hotel Dining Room, Robersonville, 96; The Friendly Coffee Shoppe, Robersonville, 94; Central, Williamston, 93; Griffin, Williamston, 93; City Lunch, Robersonville, 91.5; Barney's Grill, Williamston, 91; Leg-

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Economy Drive Eliminates Job

Mr. John D. Lilley, deputy collector for the U. S. Internal Revenue Department for the past several years, was a recent victim of a so-called economy drive advanced by the Republicans in Washington. Nearly six thousand jobs were eliminated and Mr. Lilley's was one of them. He severed his connection with the department as of June 30.

Reports state that the Washington, N. C., office, where two deputies are still located, will have the territory formerly served by Mr. Lilley.

Examinations Are Removing Few Old Drivers From Road

Eighteen of Twenty-one Applicants Pass Test Here Wednesday

The fairly general belief that the new driver's license examination would take many drivers from under the steering wheel was dispelled here Wednesday when Safety Examiner James Boyce tested twenty-one applicants and passed eighteen of them. While the tests are certain to rule out the entirely unfit driver, it is equally certain that those who already have drivers' licenses will be able to get the new type without much difficulty, that new applicants need not consider the new system a bugaboo.

Eighteen of the twenty-one persons applying for licenses in this county Wednesday passed the tests, one was rejected because his car did not meet safety requirements, and the two failing the test had never applied for licenses. "They were a bit scared for some reason, and, no doubt, will be able to pass it later," the examiner said.

The issuance of the new four-year type licenses was off to a fairly slow start here on account of the bad weather Wednesday morning and some of those reporting decided to return later.

Mrs. Dora Perry Bland, 109 N. Smithwick Street, Williamston, was the first to get one of the new type licenses. She passed the written exam and returned after the rain had stopped and successfully took the road test.

It was pointed out that while the regular, mechanical inspection will not be made until after the first of next January, the person applying for the new type license must have a vehicle—car or jeep—that is in a safe condition for use, and that he must use his own car or that of the family or employer.

Only those persons whose names begin with the letter A or the letter B are supposed to apply for the new type licenses at the present time. Several persons whose names begin with a letter farther down in the alphabet reported for licenses Wednesday and were advised to return later, possibly not before some time next year.

The license bureau, located in the county courthouse, will not be open this Saturday, but it will be open all day next Wednesday and Saturday morning of next week. More examiners are being trained and as soon as they are available Examiner Boyce will spend more time in this county. The schedule will be announced later.

Those persons becoming of age shall apply immediately regardless of what initials their names start with if they plan to operate a motor vehicle.

Badly Hurt In Auto Accident

Cushing B. Bailey Dies In Hospital

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Cushing Biggs Bailey, young Martin County farmer, who died in the State Sanatorium last Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. The services, held at the old family home in Bear Grass, were held by Elder A. B. Ayers and interment was in the Peel Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

The son of the late John W. Bailey and wife, Mr. Bailey was born in Bear Grass Township 33 years ago and spent all his life there except several months spent in hospitals. A good citizen and one who lived at peace with his fellowman, Mr. Bailey had been in declining health for a number of years. He had received treatment in Duke hospital and was a patient in the Martin County sanatorium for about three months before entering the State Sanatorium just a few weeks ago.

Surviving are two brothers, James S. Bailey of Bear Grass and Thomas Bailey of Bethel; three sisters, Mrs. L. R. Ausbon of Edenton, Mrs. Sammie Whitehurst, Jr., of near Stokes, and Miss Frances Bailey of Bethel.

Local School Teacher Tenders Resignation

Miss Mary Ross, popular sixth grade teacher in the local school last term, recently tendered her resignation which was reluctantly accepted. Miss Ross resigned to accept a faculty position in Washington, her home town.

Lists Questions And Answers For July 12 Special Referendum

Ten-Cent Levy On Each Acre To Aid Tobacco Exports

Two-thirds of Growers Must Favor Levy To Sustain Special Program

Tobacco growers in Martin County currently engaged in the production of the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco will have an opportunity to vote in the referendum, being held on July 12, as to whether or not they wish to assess themselves 10 cents per year for each acre of tobacco planted for the three-year period 1947-1949.

Anyone who will have a share of the proceeds of this year's crop whether owner, tenant, or share-cropper, is considered to be engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco and is eligible to cast a ballot in the referendum.

Below is a series of questions and answers pertaining to the balloting.

Q. What is the authority for the flue-cured tobacco referendum? A. Public Laws approved by 1947 Session of North and South Carolina General Assemblies.

Q. Why is the referendum being held? A. The laws declared it is to the public interest that the farmers engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco may have an opportunity and privilege to act jointly in raising reasonable and necessary funds to promote export trade of flue-cured tobacco.

Q. Upon what question will the farmers vote? A. They will vote on the question of whether or not there should be levied upon themselves an annual assessment of 10 cents per acre on the tobacco acreage planted for a three year period, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

Q. When will the referendum be held? A. The referendum will be held on Saturday, July 12, 1947.

Q. Who is eligible to vote in the referendum? A. Only farmers who are engaged in the production of the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco.

Q. Who is considered as being engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco? A. Any person who will share in the proceeds of the 1947 crop as owner, tenant, or share-cropper.

Q. If several members of the same family participate in the production of tobacco in 1947, who will vote? A. The member or members having an independent bona fide status as operator, share-tenant, or share-cropper and are entitled to share in the proceeds of the crop will be eligible to vote.

Q. If a husband and wife are joint owners of a farm growing flue-cured tobacco and share in the proceeds of the crop, are both eligible to vote? A. Both husband and wife are eligible to vote in this case.

Q. Is it necessary for eligible voters to cast their ballots in their own community? A. Every voter is expected to vote in the community in which his main farming activities are located. If there is no polling place in the community he shall vote at the polling place designated for the nearest community in which he is engaged in the production of tobacco.

Q. If a person cannot be present on the day of the referendum, is there any way he can vote? A. He may obtain a ballot at the most convenient polling place and cast the ballot by signing his name thereto and mailing it to the County Agricultural Conservation Committee for the county in which he is engaged in the production of tobacco for 1947 not later than the date of the referendum.

Q. Is it permissible to vote by mail, proxy, or agent? A. It is only permissible to vote by mail

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Drivers' License Examination Not Difficult To Pass

First Applicants Assured No Trick Instructions Are Given

The first applicants reporting to the State Automobile Drivers' License Bureau in the County courthouse last Wednesday found the examination and tests very easy, one declaring that the questions and instructions were quite simple.

Possibly one of the baffling features about the examination was the belief on the part of some of the applicants that they were being given trick questions or instructions. Taking the road test, one applicant, when instructed to turn his car around in the middle of a block, was quoted as saying, "That's not proper, and if I do turn around in the middle of a block you will refuse me my license." The examiner assured the driver that it was lawful to turn a car around in the middle of a block in most instances, but the task was part of a maneuver to test the driver's skill in handling a car. "It's no trick," Examiner James Boyce assured each of the drivers taking the test, but even then some were dubious until they had their applications approved.

Briefly reviewed the road test calls for: Quick stops, the examiner checking the reaction time.

The driver is asked back his car fifty feet.

To turn around in the middle of a block.

To park parallel to the curb.

To stop car on grade or hill.

To make left and right turns and give proper hand signals.

To demonstrate use of gears, clutch and brakes.

To use horn properly.

To test reaction to stop signs, slow signs and traffic lights where installed.

To keep in proper lane and what to do when overtaking a car or when being overtaken by another car, and to determine who has right of way.

The driver is graded on posture, the examiner stating that points will be subtracted from the grade if the driver slumps in his seat, rides partly out the door window and so on. Then the driver is graded on the attention his gives to his job. If the driver lights a cigarette or turns on the radio, so many points are deducted.

The written test provides 25 questions under three headings. Five of the questions are to be filled in; for instance, The speed limit is _____, the applicant to fill in the maximum speed allowed in business areas, residential sections and on the highways.

In the next group of five questions the applicant is to select the right answer. For instance the question, "What should you do when you back your car?" is asked, and several optional answers are listed. In this case, for example: Watch rear view mirror; Blow your horn; Ask somebody to watch for you; Back slowly and look to rear at all times. The proper selection to the question is, "Back slowly and look to the rear at all times."

Then there are fifteen "right" or "wrong" questions, the applicant to check which is right and which is wrong. For instance the test may list the following: "When you stop your car on a hill, turn your front wheels from the curb." Well, the applicant naturally would mark that wrong, and so on the questions run, the last task being to identify five road signs.

Church Meeting Well Attended

The Albemarle Union, meeting with the Everetts Christian Church Wednesday was well attended by delegates from a large number of churches in this section. Ladies of the host church served a delicious dinner and the guests reported a great meeting.

Rev. Warren Hastings, pastor of the National City Church, Washington, D. C., highlighted the program with an address at the morning session.

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TOBACCO DAMAGED

Recent heavy rains have damaged the tobacco crop in certain sections of the county, scattered reports indicating that the loss has not yet reached serious proportions. Heavy rains — 2.20 inches—this week followed a heavy rainfall last week and literally flooded fields. Farmers in the Cross Roads section stated that water was six to eight inches deep in the roads, that ditches and swamps were overflowing and that they had not seen the ground as wet in ten years.

Despite the heavy rains a few farmers in the county plan to start harvesting the crop next week.

COUNTY FARMER DIED THURSDAY

Mr. Charlie X. James, prominent Martin County farmer, died at his home in the Flatswamp section of Robersonville Township Thursday morning at 6:15 o'clock following three weeks of critical illness. Heart trouble was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Eason and Louvena ~~Booker~~ James, he was born near Bethel 47 years ago and lived there until about 1929 when he located in this county. He was married on November 3, 1921, to Miss Rosa Worsley also of Pitt County. He was well known as a farmer and citizen in both his home and adopted counties.

Surviving are his widow; three sons, Charles Curtis James, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Robert Worsley and Clyde X. James, both of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Walter R. Keel of Robersonville; four brothers, George James of Route 2, Robersonville, E. C. James of Bethel, J. B. James of Route 2, Williamston and J. L. James of Greensboro; four sisters, Mrs. M. A. Worsley of Burgaw, Mrs. Henry Perry of Tarboro, Mrs. J. B. Bullock of Greenville, and Mrs. R. N. Simmons of Bethel.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Robersonville Missionary Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Everett, and interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Announce Birth And Death Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eakes of near Parmele announce the birth and death of a daughter in a Tarboro hospital on Wednesday, July 2. Services will be held Friday afternoon and burial will follow in the Wainwright graveyard near Farmville.

TOBACCO HARVEST

Farmers Sidney Beacham and the Taylor brothers, Messrs. Fred, Eli Marion and Ralph, are making ready to harvest the first of the current tobacco crop in this section next week.

RAINFALL

Although the early part of June was comparatively dry, rainfall for the period was well above the normal for the particular month. A total of 6.47 inches of rain fell during last month, most of it falling during the closing days, according to Hugh Spruill who keeps the official gauge on Roanoke River.

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